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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The Restriction Requirement dated March 20, 2007 identifies the following patentably distinct of inventions among the pending claims:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Description</u>
I	Claims 12-20 allegedly drawn to video image control system operating by request from a remote client comprising a memory means for storing range information, a first transfer control means for overlaying the information in memory means on the image if the object is within its range, and a second transfer control means for transferring the information stored in the memory means, classified in class 348, subclass 14.09.
II	Claims 21-34, allegedly drawn to an image processing system comprising a reception means for receiving an image, a generating means for generating an additional image relating to the captured image, and a display control means for displaying the additional image if the captured image has been obtained at a predetermined zoom ratio and not displaying if the predetermined ration has not been met, classified in class 348,, subclass 240.99.
III	Claims 35-40, allegedly drawn to an mage processing system comprising a reception means for receiving a video image, a generating means for generating an additional

	image to be combined and displayed, control means for controlling the generation of the additional image in accordance with an image sensing position wherein the additional image is a link for reception of an image for another network terminal classified in class 348, subclass 211.3.
IV	Claims 41-46 allegedly drawn to an image processing system comprising a reception means for receiving an image, generating means for generating plural formats of additional images to be combined with the received image, and control means for generating an additional image corresponding to one of the plural formats based on an image sensing condition of the received image, classified in class 348, subclass 239.

In response to this Restriction Requirement, this paper provisionally elect to pursue prosecution of Group III. At least claims 35-40 are believed to be encompassed by that election.

This election is made with traverse. For such a requirement to be proper, “[t]here must be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required.” M.P.E.P. § 803. It is respectfully submitted that (1) all the pending claims are properly presented in the same application; (2) undue diverse searching should not be required; and (3) all claims should be examined together. For the foregoing reasons, the Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn and an action on the merits of all the claims is respectfully solicited.

Should the Restriction Requirement be made final, the right is expressly reserved to present any withdrawn claims in divisional application(s). In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-4407US1.

Respectfully submitted,
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